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1. WARSAW UNIVERSITY VICE RECTOR RODEWALD INDICATES SEPT 14-21
VISIT FOR WILSON/SHEEHAN MOST ACCEPTABLE.

2. THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE AMERICAN CIVILIZATION CENTER
(ACC) AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY WILL BE TO FACILITATE AND IMPORVE
THE STUDY OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR CIVILIZATION BOTH AT THAT
INSTITUTION AND AT OTHER POLISH UNIVERSITIES. THE CHIEF EMPHASIS
INITIALLY WILL BE PLACED UPON U.S. HISTORY. THE EMBASSY
DOES NOT INTEND TO DUPLICATE EFFORTS ALREADY IN PROGRESS AT
WARSAW UNIVERSITY THROUGH THE FULBRIGHT LECTURER PROGRAM IN THE
INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH PHILOLOGY. THE ENVISAGED PROGRAM AT THE ACC
WOULD SUPPLEMENT AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE FULBRIGHTERS AT
WARSAW UNIVERSITY. HOWEVER, THE ACC WOULD NOT IGNORE AMERICAN
LITERATURE AND LINGUISTICS IN ITS PROGRAM. FOR EXAMPLE THE
ACC LIBRARY WOULD CONTAIN HOLDINGS IN THESE DISCIPLINES AND SOME
OF THE SEMINAR/SYMPOSIUM/LECTURER ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED BELOW
WOULD BE CENTERED AROUND THESE FIELDS IN CLOSE COORDINATION
WITH THE WARSAW UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH PHILOLOGY
AND INSTITUTE OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS.

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3. IN ADDITION THE EMBASSY EVISAGES THAT THE AMERICAN HISTORY

FULBRIGHT LECTUER, WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND WHO IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORY OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY, WOULD ALSO WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE ACC. THE EMBASSY INTENDS TO REVIEW THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THIS POSITION THROUGH THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WITH THE VIEW IN MIND OF DETERMINING THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH THIS LECTUER POSITION CAN BE USED. THE EMBASSY REVIEW WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WELL AFTER THE ACC HAS HAD A CHANCE TO GET UNDERWAY. FOR THE PRESENT THIS GRANT WOULD CONTINUE IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

4. THE EMBASSY EVISAGES THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ACC TO DEVELOP INTO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN APPROPRIATE AMERICAN STUDIES LIBRARY COLLECTION.
- B. COURSE OFFERINGS IN AMERICAN STUDIES (AMERICAN HISTORY INITIALLY) FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR M.A. CANDIDATES AND PHD CANDIDATES AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY.
- C. THE ORGANIZATION OF SEMINARS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AMERICAN STUDIES, AGAIN FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR M.A. AND PHD CANDIDATES.
- D. THE ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC LECTURES, JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE ACC, WARSAW UNIVERSITY AND WHERE POSSIBLE THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE. THESE WOULD BE GIVEN BY THE ACC DIRECTOR, FULBRIGHT LECTURERS HERE IN POLAND AND OTHER SPEAKERS ARRANGED THROUGH THE EMBASSY'S VISITING SPEAKERS PROGRAM.
- E. THE ORGANIZATION OF ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS FOR POLISH AND AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES.
- F. THE ORGANIZATION OF AN ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF SEVERAL DAYS DURATION ON A SUBJECT OF COMMON INTEREST, WITH SEVERAL SCHOLARS FROM BOTH POLAND AND THE U.S. PARTICIPATING.
- G. THE ORGANIZATION OF REGULAR FILM SHOWING ON AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AT THE ACC.
- H. VISITS TO OTHER POLISH UNIVERSITIES BY THE ACC DIRECTOR, BOTH FOR LECTURES ON AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AND IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE RESIDENT EXPERT IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION TO ADVISE THEM IN THIS FIELD.
- I. THE ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF A COLLECTION OF SIGNIFICANT LECTURES DELIVERED DURING THE YEAR EITHER AT THE ACC OR UNDER ITS AUSPICES.
- J. GUIDANCE AND FACILITATIVE SERVICE TO POLISH SCHOLARS ENGAGED

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IN BASIS RESEARCH ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION.

5. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ACC AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY WOULD BE OPEN FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN WARSAW AS WELL AS BY THE STUDENT COMMUNITY.

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